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KRS water level dips by 17.68 ft in two months

- **Maximum level 124.8 ft; total water in Cauvery Basin less than 10 TMCft**
- **Centre to file affidavit in SC on May 8 on water sharing scheme**

New Delhi/ Bengaluru, May 6 (Nagaiah&BCT)- All eyes are on the Centre as it will file an affidavit in the Supreme Court on May 8 stating the steps it has taken to frame a scheme to ensure Cauvery water is released from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Kerala.

The affidavit submission in the Supreme Court is likely to have an impact in the political corridors of Karnataka where the parties are pitted in a bitter contest in Assembly elections.

While farmers in Mysuru and Mandya belt have threatened to launch protests if water is released, politicians, who are facing the election heat, are anxious over the turn of events that could have an adverse impact on their poll prospects.

It may be recalled here that on May 3, Attorney General K.K. Venugopal informed the Supreme Court that the Centre did not have time to frame the draft scheme by May 3 — the Apex Court's deadline — as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Ministers were travelling on account of the Karnataka Assembly Elections.

The Court then asked the Centre to file the affidavit by May 8 to inform about the steps being taken for implementing the Court order.

The SC also asked Karnataka to release four TMCft (Thousand Million Cubic Feet) of water to Tamil Nadu for the month of May. It also warned the State to "be ready to release water or face the consequences."

The Bench that initially asked Karnataka to release four TMCft water to Tamil Nadu by May 8, later directed the State to assess how much water can be released.

Reacting to the Supreme Court order, Karnataka had said that it was not in a position to release water as there is no storage.

(See KRS on page 9)

Man bludgeoned to death for not giving beedi

Mysuru, May 6 (RK&KS)- A 65-year-old man was bludgeoned to death by another man for refusing to give him a beedi. The incident took place on the footpath in front of Green Point shop, opposite Brahmasthana Choultry in Gangothri Layout here last night.

While the deceased is Janardhan Naidu, who used to wander here and there in the area and sleep on the footpath, the killer is Umesh, a resident of Belur in Hassan district who had come to the city in search of a job.

Yesterday about 11 pm, Naidu was sleeping on the footpath when Umesh approached him for a beedi. An angry Naidu curtly replied that he does not have a beedi. He scolded Umesh and asked him to leave the place.

Umesh, who left the spot, returned to the place after some time and saw Naidu sleeping. In a fit of rage for refusing him a beedi, Umesh dropped a big stone on Naidu's head and killed him.

Meanwhile, Saraswathipuram Police Constables Nagaraju and Mahesh, who were on their night beat, saw Umesh moving around in a suspicious manner. When they questioned him, Umesh reportedly told them that he had come to the city in search of a job and was going home. But the alert Policemen, who saw blood stains on his clothes, brought him to the Police Station.

During interrogation, Umesh told the Police that he had killed Naidu in front of Green Point shop for not giving him a beedi. Umesh claimed that Naidu assaulted him. Following the interrogation, Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar, SI Anil Kumar and staff rushed to the spot and found Naidu's body in a pool of blood.

They conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem and have booked a murder case.

To Our Readers

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Workshop on "Insight to Industry" for MBA students held

Mysuru, May 6- The Department of MBA, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Mysuru, had organised Ed Bridge, a workshop recently in association with Ed Touch and Innovative Forum of HR Associates (IFHA) to bridge industry expectations with educational practices in the area of management. In all, 91 students participated in the workshop conducted by professionals.

This workshop covered all aspects required for appearing for interviews, what is expected in a work environment, professional etiquettes, etc. Mock interviews and feedback was given on group discussions.

Core areas of HR, Finance and Marketing were covered in the workshop. The students stood to benefit a lot from the workshop and prizes were given to the top performing students.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Hungry, kya? asks an ad for a popular brand of pizza. And as an answer to that question, a growing number of dieticians today would reply: Good – stay hungry, to make sure you remain healthy. The new fad in dietary habits is intermittent fasting. Intermittent fasting – unlike the so-called 'fasts-unto-death' routinely undertaken by politicians and other public figures in India to gain attention, and which generally last no longer than the time taken for a photo-op and a TV interview – involves not eating anything for a minimum of 16 hours at a stretch.

According to its growing number of proponents, intermittent fasting will not only make you lose weight, but will generally improve your overall health and help you to live longer. Political shenanigans apart, periodic fasting has long been part of Indian tradition, where abstention from food on certain days is seen as a way to detox both the body and the spirit. PM Modi, for instance, is famously known for his ability to get by for days on warm water, and nothing else, as he did during his US trip.

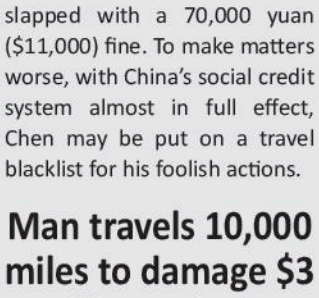
The intermittent fasting regimen in the West is based on the premise that we are genetically programmed to refrain from eating every now and again, thanks to our cave-dwelling hunter forebears who had to learn to survive without food for a day or two when their animal prey proved elusive. Practice of intermittent fasting is being aggressively marketed, particularly in the US where it has already become a multi-billion dollar business.

There's a whole range of dietary packages, nutritional supplements and even a special app to help you stick to the hard-and-fast rules of staying hungry for the better part of each day, every day. Each of these hunger kits costs a few hundred dollars – enough to feed for a couple of months a family of four in countries where for millions of people starvation is not a fashionable trend but a brute reality born of abject poverty.

— *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Passenger opens plane emergency door for fresh air



Mianyang: A young passenger trying to get some fresh air on a crowded plane at Myanyang Airport, in China's Sichuan Province, ended up opening the aircraft's emergency hatch and triggering the inflatable escape slide.

The 25-year-old man, Chen, was waiting to leave the plane after touching down on Myanyang airport, when he decided that letting in some fresh air into the stuffy plane would do everyone good. So he pushed the lever of what he claims he thought was a window, only to see a whole section of the fuselage pop out right in front of his eyes.

After calming down passengers, the flight crew called the Police. Chen was slapped with a 70,000 yuan ($11,000) fine. To make matters worse, with China's social credit system almost in full effect, Chen may be put on a travel blacklist for his foolish actions.

Man travels 10,000 miles to damage $3 Million Painting

England: A 40-year-old man allegedly travelled almost 10,000 miles from England to an art gallery in Aspen, Colorado, where he used a sharp object to damage a $3 million painting by New York artist Christopher Wool, before storming out. It was later revealed that the painting was owned by his father. The bizarre incident occurred when a man wearing sunglasses, black jeans, a black jacket, a hat, gloves and a full beard entered the Opera Gallery in Aspen and walked directly up to a painting called "Untitled 2004".

He then took a knife or out of his jacket pocket and slashed the painting twice before running out of the gallery. A one-year investigation revealed that the man who damaged the painting was Nicholas Morley, son of Harold Morley, the painting owner.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How do whitening toothpastes work?

Some experts feel that whitening promises may be misleading. Whitening toothpastes usually contain carbonate peroxide, which turns into hydrogen peroxide, which does have bleaching properties. The problem is that the toothpaste isn't on the teeth long enough to cause much bleaching to take place.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Admission to UoM Colleges

Mysuru, May 6- Admissions for B.A., B.Com, and B.B.A (B.B.M.) to the University of Mysore (UoM) Evening College has begun from May 4 for the academic year 2018-19. The prospectus for the courses will be issued from 10 am to 4.30 pm in the College Office.

The students can avail facilities of a well-stocked library, sports, NCC, NSS and other non-academic activities.

The application form fee is Rs.250. For more information call Ph: 0821-2422932 or 0821-2419244, according to a press release from the Principal.

Maharaja's College

Maharaja's College too has invited applications for admission to 1st year BA, B.Com and BBA degree courses. Applications are being distributed from May 2 at the College Office on payment of Rs. 250.

Fine Arts College

The UoM Fine Arts College has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to 1st year Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA) in Singing, Veena, Flute, Violin, Mrudanga, Dance, Drama and Gamaka.

Admissions are also open for two-year Diploma courses after SSLC in Singing, Flute, Veena, Drama and Dance. Hostel facilities are provided for both boys and girls. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419586.

Integrated M.Sc. Molecular Biology Course: Yuvaraja's College [Autonomous] is offering 5-year Integrated M.Sc. Course in Molecular Biology. Applications are invited from PUC/+2/ equivalent passed students for admission to this research and career-oriented course.

Applications can be obtained from the College during Office hours or can also be downloaded from the website: *ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in*.

For details contact the Principal or Course Co-ordinator on Mob: 94489-33006 or Ph: 0821-2419236 or email: *ycmmb2010@gmail.com*.

B.Sc., BCA, BBA courses

Yuvaraja's College is also offering B.Sc., BCA and BBA degree courses for the academic year 2018-19. II PUC/+2 passed students can obtain the applications with prospectus from the College Office or from the website *www.ycm.uni-mysore.ac.in* and submit along with a DD for Rs. 300 in favour of the Principal, Yuvaraja's College, Mysore-05, payable at Mysuru.

Hostel accommodation is available for both boys and girls.

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Last date for receipt of completed application forms along with the relevant documents to the college office is May 16. For any clarification, contact Ph: 0821-2419240 or 2419292, according to a press release.

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- ***The "Sixth sick Sheik's sixth sheep's sick"** is said to be the toughest tongue twister in English language.*

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Tom: ***Sir, I am bad at Math too!***

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1 Euro	= Rs. 80.03

VOICE OF THE READER

Will TJS change his "Point of View"?

Sir,

This has reference to TJS George's article titled ***"Hitler, Nehru & a worthless Bose"*** in his column *Point of View* (*SOM* dated May 2). He used a Pak professor to prop up his dislike against the BJP by comparing what would have happened if Modi had become the PM of India in 1947 instead of Nehru.

This is a matter of speculation and even the greatest thinkers or astrologers would not have been able to predict it correctly. However, 54 years after his regime, we can certainly look back on Nehru's 17-year regime and decide how good his governance was:

1. Nehru over-ruled Sardar Patel and referred the Kashmir issue to the UN. Even after 70 years, this problem is still bleeding India in terms of lives of brave jawans and expenditure of lakhs of crores of rupees.

2. In 1950, when China invaded Tibet, which was an independent country and a buffer zone between India and China, and more importantly when both USA and UK offered to help India to get China vacated from Tibet, Nehru refused the offer and supported China! Our country is paying for it even today.

3. Nehru continuously downgraded the defence forces (in terms of budget allocation) and treated senior officers like his domestic servants. Their morale naturally was shattered and when required to fight against the Chinese in 1962, their equipment was not up to the mark and we faced a humiliating defeat.

4. It is true that Nehru is an architect of Modern India with several dams and PSUs. Unfortunately, many of these dams were ill-conceived and are now just monuments. Regarding PSUs, due to their inefficiency, most of them run in loss and tax-paying citizens pay for their salaries and pensions (example, Air India).

5. Regarding hundreds of scientific research institutes, they have no doubt given employment to thousands of educated Indians. But what about the results? Have we produced a single Nobel Prize for scientific research? We are still importing defence equipment as well as mass utility items like smart phones. Is it something that our research establishments could be proud off?

With regard to Modi's present stewardship, I believe we can judge his performance only after 5-10 years when his regime is over.

—U.B. Acharya
Jayalakshmipuram
3.5.2018

NOTE: *With regard to Item No. 1 in the letter, it reminds me how the UN converted India's* ***complaint*** *into a* ***dispute*** *and India could do nothing. If it was treated as it was, as a complaint, India could have simply asked the UN to direct Pakistan to vacate the aggression and our problem in J&K would have ended for all time.*

Proof, Nehru failed free India and got an endemic, festering bloody wound that India suffers even today. **—KBG**

24 polling booths turn PINK in Mysuru district

Mysuru, May 6 (BCT)- The Election Commission and the District Administration are setting up special 'Sakhi', or 'Pink', polling booths for the upcoming Karnataka Assembly Election. These special booths will be staffed entirely by women — from the presiding officers to the micro-observers and security personnel. This is being done to attract more women to vote.

There will be at least 450 such booths across the State and the booths will be painted pink, decorated with pink balloons, tablecloths, walls, etc., and the officials will all be dressed in shades of pink.

In Mysuru, there will be 24 such booths across the 11 constituencies — Chamaraja, Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja, Chamundeshwari, Periyapatna, Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, H.D. Kote, Nanjangud, Varuna and T. Narasipur.

On its part, the District Administration has begun painting of such booths and the Election Commission has launched a promotional campaign on pink polling booths in the electronic media. In the campaign, female poll staff is seen wearing pink clothing while the booth interiors too are of pink hue.

It is for the first time in Karnataka, all-woman polling booths will be established across the 224 constituencies of the State. The Election Commission of India had trialled this idea for the first time in the Assembly polls in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, followed by Gujarat and more recently in the Northeast.

Within city limits, in Narasimharaja Constituency, JSS Vidyapeetha Santha Shishunala Sharief High School Room No.2 (booth No. 141) on Mahadevapura Road and St. Anne's Convent High School Room No. 1 (booth No. 78) in N.R. Mohalla have been identified as Pink booths.

In Chamaraja Constituency, Government Bifurcated Maharajas Junior College in Nazarbad Room No. 2 (booth No. 210), Sri Jayachamarajendra Ursu Boarding School in K.G. Koppal Room No. 1 (booth No. 151) and Grace Vidya Samsthe, Mahadeshwara Badavane, Kumbarakoppal (booth No. 54) have been identified as Pink Booths.

In Krishnaraja Constituency, Jayalakshmi Vilasa Arya Balika School on B.B. Laya Road Room No. 2 (booth No. 121), Akkana Balaga Primary School on Thyagaraja Road Room No.1 (booth No. 119) and Koushika Sankethi Sangha Sankethi Hostel in Jayanagar (booth No. 74) are Pink Booths.

Women make up about 50% of the voters across the 11 constituencies of Mysuru. In KR, NR, and T. Narasipur constituencies, female voters outnumber their male counterparts. In NR, out of the 2,53,051 voters, as many as 1,27,720 are women.

Officials said that the pink booths have been identified in such areas where 60% of the women are registered as voters.

Across the State, there are around 4.97 crore registered voters, up by 12% from the 4.37 crore voters registered in 2013. There are 2.52 crore male voters this time, compared to the 2.23 crore registered in 2013.

From 2.13 crore in 2013, the number of women voters registered have increased by 14.53%, to 2.44 crore. In 2013, the male voting percentage was 72.4% (66.33% in 2008) and female voting percentage was 70.47% (63.23% in 2008).

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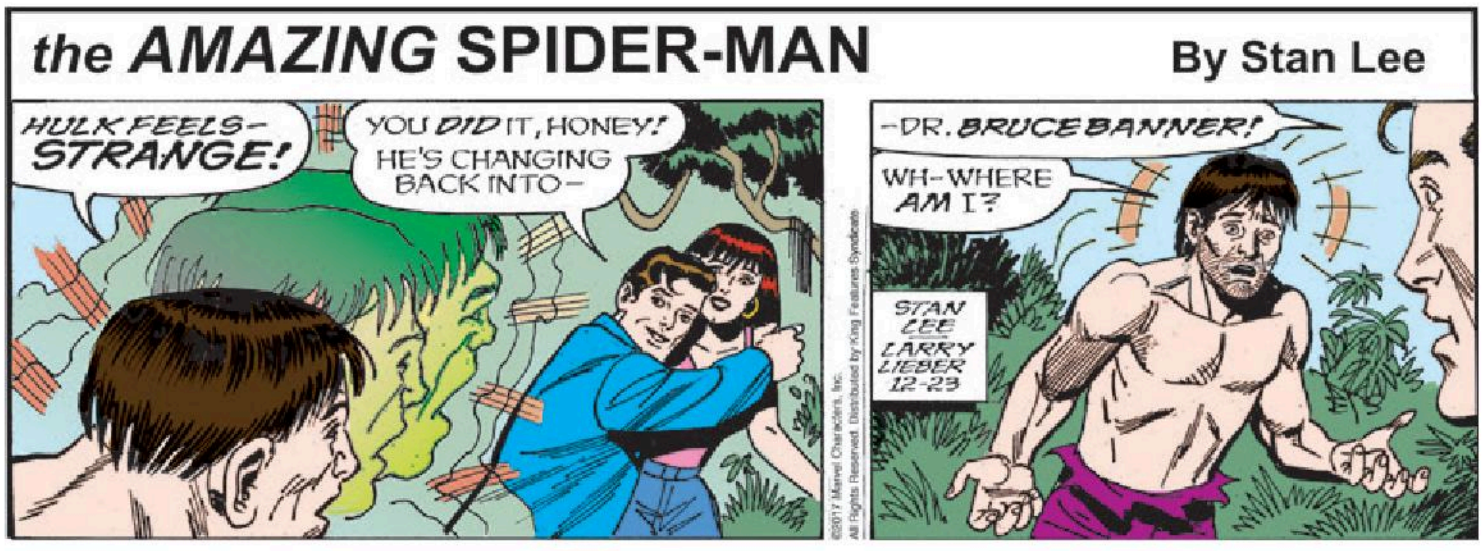
Note: 1. English fluency is a must for candidates.
2. Experienced candidates are preferred. Sd/Hon. Secretary

National Conference

Mysuru, May 6- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, Mysuru, is hosting Natl. Conference on "Engineering Innovations & Solutions" (NCEIS-2018), "Intelligent Energy Systems" (NCIES-2018), "Robotics, Automation, Control & Embedded Systems" (NCRACES-2018) on May 7.

The Conference will be inaugurated at 9.30 am tomorrow by Kalpana Arvind, Group Director, Photonics System Group, LEOS, Bengaluru and Benild Joseph, Information Security Advisor, GoI. Dr. M. Jagannatha Shenoi, President, GSSS, will preside.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COUNTDOWN

2018 ELECTION

6 Days to go

Amit Shah road show rolls through Mysuru city

Mysuru, May 6 (SPN&YDS)- BJP National President Amit Shah held road shows in Narasimharaja, Chamaraja and Krishnaraja Assembly segments in city yesterday.

Beginning the day by campaigning Periyapatna in the morning where Party candidate S. Manjunath is contesting against K. Venkatesh of the Congress and Mahadev of JD(S), Shah later campaigned in T. Narsipur, where a few areas of Varuna Assembly segment come under T. Narsipur Taluk, for BJP Varuna candidate Thotadappa Basavaraju, who is locked in a battle with CM Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra of the Congress.

He arrived in Mysuru City later in the afternoon and held road shows.

Shah's road show started from Shivaji Road in N.R. Constituency, which is represented by Minister Tanveer Sait of the Congress.

Shah and other BJP leaders appealed the people to vote for party candidate Sandesh Swamy as the Congress leader appears in the Constituency only during elections.

Even through the segment is dominated by minority Communities, local BJP leaders had managed to bring hundreds of people, including Muslim women for the road show.

BJP State President B.S. Yeddyurappa's second son B.Y. Vijayendra, who lost the Varuna ticket was also present during the road show.

The road show which began from Shivaji road, passed through Prasanna Anjaneya Swamy Temple, FTS Circle, Veeranagere, CPC Polytechnic, St. Philomena's Church, Milad Park and Ashoka Road before culminating near the Town Hall.

Later, the BJP National President held road show in K.R. Assembly segment where S.A. Ramdas is contesting as the party candidate.

Shah standing from inside the party's campaign vehicle, an orange mini-bus, began his rally from near Shantala Theatre. The rally passed through Siddappa Square, Nanjumalige Circle and Chamundipuram Circle, before culminating at Bhoothale pitch at Vidyaranyapuram, where he addressed a gathering.

Shah also released a manifesto, highlighting the party's agenda for development of the Constituency in the next five years.

At Chamaraja, where former MUDA Chairman L. Nagendra is the party candidate, Shah's rally commenced from the busy Ashoka Road. The rally after reaching Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate, criss-crossed through some of the main thoroughfares of Chamaraja Assembly segment.

Even as Shah was passing through the city thoroughfares, BJP workers and people perched atop the roofs of houses alongside the route, showered flowers on him. Shah too threw handful of marigold flowers at the bystanders.

At some points, slogans such as '*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Amit Shah is a Super Star*' rent the air.

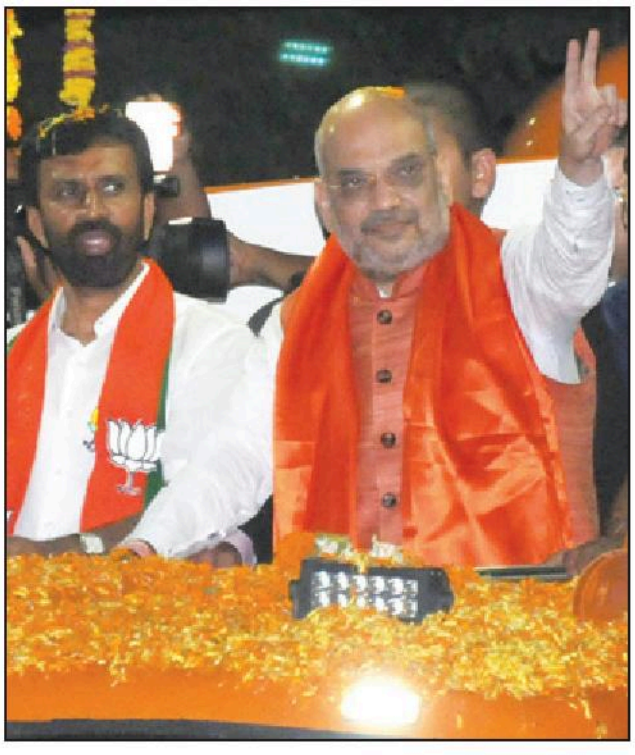
Shah's road shows in the city received good response from the people.

MP Pratap Simha, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, Party leaders H.V. Rajeev, Mallappa Gowda, B.P. Manjunath, State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa's son and State BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary B.Y. Vijayendra and other leaders took part in the rallies.

The City Police had intensified security and had blocked all the roads leading to Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, where the road show passed.

A large number of Police personal were deployed at the spot to maintain Law and Order.

BJP National President Amit Shah addressing the public during the road show for KR Constituency candidate S.A. Ramdas as State BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary B.Y. Vijayendra, MP Pratap Simha, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath and others look on.



Amit Shah with N.R. Constituency candidate Sandesh Swamy during the road show in the constituency yesterday evening. Picture right shows Shah campaigning for Chamaraja Constituency candidate L. Nagendra during the road show in the Constituency yesterday.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Due to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas from 10 am to 5 pm tomorrow (May 7): Bogadi 2nd Stage and North, Telecom Layout, Siddalingeshwara Nagar, Nirmithi Kendra and surrounding areas.

Inauguration

Lions Club of Mysore South is sponsoring a new Lions Club at Hunsur by name Lions Club of Hunsur Teak Town which will be inaugurated tomorrow at Hotel Kalyani in Hebbal, Mysuru, at 7 pm. The 25 new Charter Members, all residents of Hunsur, will be inducted into Lionism by Ln. G.P. Divakar, the District Governor of Lions Club of International District 317A, on the occasion. Various service activities including donation of six Toilet Blocks constructed at Hunsur for public use coasting around Rs.3 lakh will be undertaken during the inaugural ceremony. Ln. G.A. Ramesh, the Global Membership team Co-ordinator, will be the guest of honour. Ln. S.R. Manjunatha Rao, President of Lions Club of Mysore South, will preside.

Free training

Sthree Deepa - Women's and Child Development Organisation, N.R. Mohalla, in association with Handloom and Textiles Department, will be conducting 45-day free sewing machine operator training and basic tailoring classes. Those with minimum qualification of a pass in 5th std. and aged between 18-35 years are eligible to apply. At the end of the training, a stipend of Rs.1,500 + 2,000 will be provided to the candidates. Interested may contact Ph: 0821-4242408 or Mob: 87922-33195 or 90081-77142.

Obtain hall tickets

The entrance test for admission to D.M.G. Halli Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya in Mysuru district will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on May 19. Students who have submitted applications online for admission to 9th standard for 2018-19 can download the hall tickets from www.navodaya.nic.in; Those who do not download the hall tickets before May 16 can obtain the same directly from the School.

Gun exemption to Kodavas

Writ Petition filed in High Court

Madikeri/ Bengaluru, May 6 (BCT)- A Public Interest Litigation (PIL) questioning the exemption to Kodavas and Jamma land holders in Kodagu from obtaining a license to possess firearms under Section 3 and 4 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959, that was filed before the Karnataka High Court in 2015 and which the HC has disposed of then has been revived by the petitioner again.

The petitioner, Captain (retd.) Y.K. Chethan, son of Y.D. Keshavananda, has now filed a Writ Petition in the HC on Jan.8 2018 and a Bench comprising Chief Justice Dinesh Maheshwari and Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar has posted the hearing after the summer vacation.

In his petition filed in September 2015, Chethan, a resident of R.T. Nagar in Bengaluru, claimed that the continuation of the exemption, granted to some class of persons by the British Government in pre-Independent India in furtherance of their divide-and-rule policy, was unconstitutional, as it was based on irrational, fictitious and discriminatory grounds, such as race and ancestral land tenure.

The petitioner said that the exemption granted to Jamma holders and for Kodavas under Section 3 and 4 of Indian Arms Act promotes disharmony. Hearing the PIL, a Division Bench, comprising Acting Chief Justice

Subhro Kamal Mukherjee and Justice B.V. Nagarathna, had asked the petitioner to submit a representation on his grievance about exemption to the Union Home Ministry within two weeks. The Bench asked the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, to dispose of the representation within three months. The petitioner had approached the Union Home Ministry in October 2015 and January 2016 but the Ministry did not respond to the petitioner. In June 2016, the petitioner filed a contempt petition against the then Union Home Secretary and the Ministry had told the Court that the exemption provided to Kodavas was as per law.

Not satisfied by the response, the petitioner again has approached the HC and filed a Writ Petition (No. 1386/2018) and has contended that the Ministry's stand was objectionable and promoted disharmony between communities and is against the Constitution.

Special privilege to own firearms: The special privilege to own firearms without license was granted to the Kodavas by the British in recognition of their martial traditions. This was continued after independence by a notification issued by the Union govt. in 1963 which exempted "every person of (the) Coorg race and every Jamma land tenure holder in Coorg" from the Indian Arms Act. There was no curb on the privilege even after Coorg, which was a separate State earlier, merged with Karnataka.

A proposal to do away with the privilege under the Arms Act was made way back in 1964 by the Central government. But the move was dropped, apparently at the behest of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and the then Union Minister C.M. Poonacha.

Former Kodagu DC, T.P. Issar, in his report, had said: "It is a well-known fact that the gun, the *Odikathi* (a small broad bladed sword) and the *Peechekathi* (a type of dagger) are as much a part of the life of a Coorg as the kirpan is for Sikhs and the kukri for Gurkhas. From my study of the old gazetteers and other books on the life and culture of Coorg and from my knowledge of their present day customs, I am in a position to bear out the truth of the arguments of the Coorgs that these arms are inseparably linked with many of their ceremonial occasions."

In 1993, the Union govt. wanted to withdraw the unique privilege. However, the Karnataka government informed the Centre that there has been no misuse of the privilege.

No political party is bothered to Save Cauvery, says activist

Mysuru, May 6 (PM&BCT)- Cauvery Nadi Swatchata Andolana (CNSA) has expressed disappointment with political parties for not giving an assurance on cleaning the Cauvery, at least in Karnataka, and giving a living entity status to the river. M.N. Chandramohan, State convener of CNSA, told reporters at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Friday that the Cauvery is dying owing to the release of sewage and industries effluents.

Cauvery Nadi Swatchata Andolana team launching 'Save Cauvery' stickers during the press conference on Friday.

The river, considered the lifeline of the Old Mysuru Region, might cease to exist, he said. "The Cauvery once used to join the sea, but that is no longer the case, and this is a cause for concern," Chandramohan added.

He also expressed his displeasure with the political parties for not mentioning Cauvery in their respective manifestos. "No party has thought of River Cauvery, which quenches the thirst of a majority of the State's population. There are no plans or programmes to improve the condition of the river, rejuvenate or revive it. This is a bitter disappointment," he added.

Pollution levels in the river have gone from bad to worse and the government had failed to prevent the release of untreated sewage water and effluents into the river despite repeated memorandums. He said that sand mining was another factor in river pollution.

The outfit also said that the State Government, in the garb of promoting tourism, was giving permission to build hotels, resorts and home stays on the banks of Cauvery without realising the adverse affects on the natural flow of the river. Even scores of Gram Panchayats in Kodagu, Mysuru and other districts, where the river flows, do not bother to maintain the river, he said. Blaming the tourists for the sorry state of the river, he said, "Each weekend, two lakh tourists visit Kodagu, and if each of them leaves behind a plastic bottle, imagine the number of bottles discarded in the district."

CNSA Members M.N. Kumaraswamy, D.R. Somashekar, K.R. Shivanandan and K.N. Devaraj were present.

KSOU faculty among two arrested for protest against Police

Mysuru, May 6 (RK&DM)- An Assistant Professor of the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is among the two persons arrested for preventing Police from discharging their duties.

The other person arrested has been identified as Naveen, an employee of an automobile showroom.

Appaji Gowda, an Assistant Professor of KSOU's Anthropology Department, on Friday had teamed up with a group of people at Paduvarahalli Junction on Mysuru-Hunsur Road and protested against the Police, after a youth riding a two-wheeler fell down and sustained injuries at the spot where the Police were checking vehicles for documents.

The injured youth had claimed that Police intercepted his two-wheeler using a barricade, which led the accident.

Enraged by the incident, Appaji Gowda and Naveen staged a demonstration along with a group of local people.

The Police arrested Appaji Gowda and Naveen on charges of preventing them from discharging their duties.

The two were produced before a city Court yesterday, which remanded them to judicial custody, it is learnt.

Alleged harassment from wife drives man to commit suicide

Mandya, May 6 (KS)- A 30-year-old man, who was married three months ago, allegedly committed suicide citing harassment from his wife in a seven page death note. He committed suicide by hanging self in the outskirts of Aladahalli village in Malavalli taluk.

The deceased has been identified as Manohar.

According to the death note, Manohar was in love with a woman from Bengaluru but the woman gets married to another person and later divorced him. She then calls Manohar to Bengaluru and both stayed together for two years.

In the meantime, the woman pressurizes Manohar to get married to her for which Manohar tell her that they would get married after seeking consent from both the families. Depressed over this, the woman lodges a complaint against Manohar and his family members with the Police.

Following the complaint, a relative of Manohar approaches the Police and got their marriage registered in February. But Manohar, citing a lot of responsibilities at his native place, sought permission from the Police to go to his native place for a few days and would lead the family life upon his return and leaves for his native place.

As it took time for Manohar to return to Bengaluru, his wife calls him over the phone to harass him besides threatening to lodge another complaint against his family members, Manohar has stated in the death note besides stating that he was committing suicide due to fear of harassment on his family members.

In the death note, Manohar has also stated that no one was responsible for his death besides asking to donate his body to MMC&RI and implant his heart to his mother-in-law, who is suffering from heart ailment.

He has also asked his family members not to conduct any religious ceremonies (death ceremony) but use that money for the development of the village besides asking them to give his bike to a particular person. He has also asked for forgiveness from his parents, sisters and friends for not keeping his words.

Kirugaval Police, who have registered a case in regard, are investigating.

No meeting

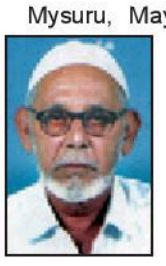
Mysuru, May 6- There will be no monthly meeting of Central Government Pensioners' Association (CGPA), Mysuru, this month (May 9) due to unavoidable circumstances, according to Association President Dr. T.S. Sathyanarayana Rao.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2514283.

Obituary

Abdul Gafoor Khan

Mysuru, May 6- Abdul Gafoor Khan (75), proprietor of *Well Dresses* on Devaraj Urs Road and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away this morning at a private hospital following brief illness.



He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held after Namaz-e-Mogrib (6.40 pm) at Masjid-e-Rabbani in N.R. Mohalla today, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Ground (Gate No. 8) near Tipu Circle in city.

Election fury reaches feverish pitch in Chamundeshwari

All eyes on high-octane battle between CM Siddharamaiah and his old friend G.T. Devegowda

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's late son Rakesh Siddharamaiah's wife Smitha Rakesh seeks votes for her father-in-law in Chamundeshwari constituency. Picture right shows Chamundeshwari JD(S) incumbent MLA G.T. Devegowda seeking votes at a locality in Chamundeshwari constituency.

Mysuru, May 6- Election fury in Chamundeshwari Constituency, the Constituency that has got its name from Goddess Chamundeshwari — the presiding deity of Mysuru, has touched a feverish pitch where Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is fighting his last electoral battle and G.T. Devegowda is fighting to retain his seat. The constituency will witness a titanic clash between Congress and JD(S).

The mute question that is looming large in Chamundeshwari is whether it would once again come to the rescue of Siddharamaiah who in 2006 received a political rebirth from here or will it prove lucky for G.T. Devegowda, a one-time close friend of Siddharamaiah, now a strong adversary.

EPIC 2006 BATTLE

The tussle this time has all the trappings of the epic 2006 by elections held in this constituency where Siddharamaiah — who was thrown out of the Janata Dal (Secular) and had just joined the Congress — scraped through on a wafer-thin margin of 257 votes, in a victory that saved him from political oblivion and revived his fortunes besides the Constituency that gave the CM 'rebirth'.

A poll veteran Siddharamaiah has won a total of five elections out of seven from Chamundeshwari (1983, 1985, 1994, 2004 and 2006) and two from Varuna (2008 and 2013) and instead of seeking Varuna he returned to his home constituency to seek the mandate from the people for the last time in his electoral battle.

Though in 2013 he had stated it would be his last poll battle, he had sworn to defeat BJP from recapturing power and is leading the Congress to return to Vidhana Soudha in the current elections. Siddharamaiah is also trying his electoral luck from Badami in Bagalkot district.

15 CANDIDATES IN THE FRAY

Though there are over 15 candidates in the fray, including S.R. Gopal Rao of the BJP, the battle is clearly between Siddharamaiah and Devegowda. With Siddharamaiah campaigning extensively to ensure his victory and the JD(S) first family — led by party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and his son Kumaraswamy — batting for Devegowda, Chamundeshwari has attracted the attention of the entire State and political observers.

Although Siddharamaiah, on several occasions, has maintained that the Constituency, which gave him a political rebirth in 2006, has been close to his heart, and wanted to contest his last direct election from the same Constituency, political pundits and the Opposition parties view his decision as a step to ensure his son's victory in Varuna.

LAST-DITCH EFFORTS

Siddharamaiah, who had kept away from making frequent visits to Chamundeshwari after switching over to Varuna, has started to re-connect with the voters of Chamundeshwari only now. He has managed to patch up the differences with his old friends.

G.T. Devegowda, on the other hand, has been faithful to the constituency and he is banking on this factor. At the same time, he is convincing the voters that Siddharamaiah has gone out from Chamundeshwari and now he has chosen Badami as his second constituency.

Devegowda said Siddharamaiah has invited the wrath of leaders and people of Chamundeshwari and people are intelligent to see through the CM's game-plan. After shifting to Varuna, Siddharamaiah neither visited Chamundeshwari nor called on his friends, he said. "How will people of Chamundeshwari believe him if he suddenly appears after a gap of 10 years playing the emotional card?" he asked.

This was evident during the CM's election campaign in Chamundeshwari when he (CM) was publicly rebuffed by his old friend Gram Panchayat (GP) Member Mariswamy who refused to vote for him (Siddharamaiah), Devegowda added.

ORDINARY VERSUS VIP

Devegowda said people of Chamundeshwari know his style of functioning and his workaholic nature. He said people have no love for Siddharamaiah and they would prefer electing a person who is accessible. "They will prefer an ordinary person like me against political giants like Siddharamaiah," Devegowda said.

The bitterness between Siddharamaiah and G.T. Devegowda was fanned recently by Congress President Rahul Gandhi, who dubbed the JD(S) as the "B team of the BJP", which incensed G.T. Devegowda who went on an offensive and projected Siddharamaiah as an "anti-Vokkaliga".

For G.T. Devegowda, it is an advantageous situation as local leaders, former Ministers V. Sreenivasa Prasad of the BJP and A.H. Vishwanath who recently joined the JD(S) are backing G.T. Devegowda. Both leaders nurse a grudge against Siddharamaiah for ignoring and sidelining them.

After delimitation in 2008, most of the villages, which formed Siddharamaiah's support base were shifted to the adjoining Varuna constituency and forced him to switch over to Varuna from where he won in 2008 and 2013 elections.

JD(S) PREPARATION

Leaving nothing to chance and when it became clear that Siddharamaiah would fight his last electoral battle from Chamundeshwari, six months ago, the JD(S) began cultivating the voters in the Constituency from the grassroot level. Both former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy held a series of meetings in the constituency with the sole aim of ensuring a defeat of Siddharamaiah.

Pointing out that he had contested from Chamundeshwari seven times out of which he has won five times, CM Siddharamaiah argued that he cannot ever forget the Constituency even though he won from Varuna. He has expressed the hope that the people of the Constituency will not let him down. While Siddharamaiah is supremely confident that the people of the Constituency would not desert him, G.T. Devegowda feels that the Chief Minister has already lost the battle.

A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK FOR CM

- It will be tough for Siddharamaiah as many of his former friends in JD(S) are now no longer with him
- Dalit leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Kuruba leader A.H. Vishwanath have ganged up against CM
- Apart from Chamundeshwari, the CM has to ensure that his son Dr. Yathindra has to win from Varuna
- CM has to convince voters that he has not deserted Chamundeshwari and migrated to Badami
- He has to focus on the rest of the State and bring back power to the party

H&M comes to Mysuru

Mysuru, May 6- H&M, Hennes & Mauritz AB, the international retailer, known for fashion and quality at the best price in a sustainable way opened doors to its first store in Mysuru at Forum Centre City on Friday. Over 320 eager shoppers and fashionistas queued up to shop the new collections.

Janne Einola, Country Manager at H&M India, along with Kapil Vig, Area Manager, Prapti Yadav, Store Manager and Anirban Mandal, Construction Project Manager, cut the red ribbon and welcomed the customers, who received goodie bags and H&M surprises.

The first fashionista in line was awarded a gift card of Rs.10,000 while the subsequent two fashionistas received a gift card of Rs.7,000 and Rs.5,000 respectively.

"This is a proud moment for us as we launch H&M's 30th store in the country in Mysuru. The anticipation over our launch has been thrilling, and we are excited to welcome customers into our very first store," said Janne Einola.

The new H&M store, spread over 17,000 Sq. Ft., carries a complete range of fashion and accessories for women, men, teenagers and children with new items arriving in the store daily. The store will be open from 10 am to 10 pm on all days.

For details on the brand and images, visit *hm.com*

One-stop Showroom for Men's fashion

Mysuru, May 6- Grasim Showroom, Raj Dress Wear, located opposite Hanuman Temple, D. Devaraja Urs Road, since 1989, has now opened an exclusive men's store in Mysuru as 'Raj Dress Wear, Grasim' opposite the Vice-Chancellor's Bungalow, near Ramaswamy Circle.

This is an exclusive men's showroom with ample parking space in the basement. The showroom details with 18 various men's clothing brands under one roof. It comprises suiting materials of the brands Grasim, Raymond and Reid & Taylor and shirting materials of the brand Grasim.

The showroom also has ready-made suits of the brand Grasim, formal shirts and trousers, casual shirts and jeans and T-shirts of the brands Louis Philippe, Van Heusen, Allen Solly, Peter England, Indian Terrain, Levi's, Pepe Jeans, United Colors Of Benetton, U.S. Polo Assn., Killer, Pan America and Arrow and inner-wears of the brand Jockey and dhotis of the brand Ramraj. 'Raj Dress Wear, Grasim' also showcases designer Sherwani and Kurtas and all accessories for men.

Excels in II PUC examinations

JNANODAYA PU COLLEGE: ***Nikitha Srikanth, II PU student of Jnanodaya PU College (a unit of Sri Sharada Peetam, Sringeri), Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has secured 590/600 marks in II PU 2018 exam, making her one of the district toppers. College Governing Council Secretary S.K. Bhaskar is seen greeting Nikitha Srikanth as her parents, College Principal T.S. Srikanta Sharma and Vice-Principal Padma Ravi look on. In total, the College has secured 120 distinctions, 100 first class and 15 second class. The overall pass percentage of the College is 95%.***

Rakshith *Meghana* *Akshay* *Chiranth* *Samprathi*

SVG'S VISHWAPRAJNA COMPOSITE PU COLLEGE: In the II PUC exams (2017-18), SVG's Vishwaprajna Composite PU College in Dattagalli 3rd Stage has overall pass percentage of 96 % — with 97% in Science stream and 95% in Commerce.

In Science, 21 students have secured distinction and 35 students have secured first class. Rakshith R. Gowda (96% - 576/600), B.M. Meghana (95% - 570) and Akshay (92.16% - 533) have emerged college toppers.

In Commerce, 12 students have secured distinction and 20 students have secured first class. M. Chiranth (92% - 550) and D.S. Samprathi (91% - 546) have emerged toppers.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

A one-horse race in Varuna: Cake-walk for Dr. Yathindra

Last Friday, 4th May 2018, I gave a sprinter's chase to Dr. Yathindra, son of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who was on a roller-coaster election tour of his Varuna Constituency as a Congress party candidate. A medical doctor by profession, he was brought into politics by his father after the sad and untimely demise of his brother Rakesh Siddharamaiah, a very dynamic and aggressive youngster who seemed 100% made for politics. In contrast, Dr. Yathindra seemed rather too gentle, soft-spoken, even humble for the kind of highly competitive and pro-active, sometimes chaotic, electioneering.

By the time I joined his election caravan, commonly known as Road Show, it was about 3 O' Clock and he had already covered a few villages like Kupparavalli, Belagunda, a village apparently named recently as Kanakanagara, Sannamallupura and Sonahalli. We were able to catch-up with him at Kirugunda where he was heading after having lunch at one of his party worker's house.

As could be expected, only vehicles with permission from the Election Commission could follow his vehicle. The Election Commission team was armed with video cameras to keep an eagle's eye on the violation of the election Model Code of Conduct. My vehicle with the PRESS sticker on the windscreen followed the **Congress Prachara Ratha** (Congress publicity vehicle) specially designed out of a pick-up van with steps in the rear to climb and a handle-bar to hold in front.

Surprisingly, the roads connecting different villages are gleaning black betraying these roads were laid recently. At Kirugunda, Dr. Yathindra mounted the 'Ratha' from the car and the vehicle moved in snail's pace on the recently-laid concrete streets of the inner village which seemed a big village indeed. I chose to walk with the cheering crowd behind the vehicle which was led by a music band playing a celebratory ear-splitting music.

Dr. Yathindra speaking from the vehicle.

Road Show as seen in the village.

I asked this woman who would she vote for and her instant answer: Siddharamanna.

Talking to party supporters at the village.

A Church stands tall on a hillock in the surrounding dwarfed huts and houses.

Wearing a P-cap with a mobile microphone in hand, Dr. Yathindra would speak at different points to the crowd.

As could be expected, it was an election speech criticising BJP and extolling the virtues of Congress and the service his father as Chief Minister has done for the poor and the depressed — rattling of the number of 'Bhagyas', the blessings, like free food, milk, waiver of loans etc., given to the poor. This done, the vehicle would move along the street, lined on either side with village houses — some ramshackle, some with tile roof, some with sheet roof. The women and children emerged from their humble abode looking at the passing procession in awe and some holding *'arati thatte'*, placed with a cake of jaggery, flowers, vermilion powder, a lit mini-lamp as an expression of welcome and blessing. After about 20 minutes, I was hoisted on the 'Ratha' by the followers of the candidate and I willingly climbed the steps and stood near Dr. Yathindra who was oblivious of my presence being engaged in addressing the crowd. *(See picture)*

And then there appeared a Church and we dismounted from the vehicle to go there. This done, the march of seeking votes continued but I decided to break off. With BJP's B.Y. Vijayendra, son of former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, out of the race from Varuna, the BJP has already lost the seat. My prediction. Dr. Yathindra will win hands down. It is a one-horse race in Varuna. Any bet? Don't be a loser.

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Union Minister Sadananda Gowda releases BJP manifesto for city

Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda presents the BJP city manifesto to a woman in Narasimharaja Constituency this morning as BJP Narasimharaja candidate Sandesh Swamy looks on.

Mysuru, May 6 (RKB&DM)- Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda released the party manifesto for Krishnaraja, Chamaraja and Narasimharaja Assembly segments at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning.

Later speaking, Sadananda Gowda said that the BJP has prepared constituency-specific manifestos for all the 224 Assembly segments of the State.

Pointing out that as Mysuru is a heritage city, he said that the party has plans to develop the city as a 'Thematic City.'

Listing out the party's agenda for the three Assembly segments, he said that the BJP if voted to power, will focus on scientific waste disposal and management, boost tourism by promoting Yoga Tourism, Health Tourism, Cultural Tourism and revival of sick industries, de-congesting roads, smooth vehicular movement and the like.

He further said that the pending Film city project, which aims to provide jobs to thousands of people, will be expedited.

Referring to the BJP's prospects in the May 12 Assembly polls, the Union Minister expressed the hope that the party will return to power with a comfortable majority.

Maintaining that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rallies across the State will greatly boost the BJP's prospects in the May 12 Assembly polls, he dismissed any tacit understanding between the BJP and JD(S).

Accusing the Congress of making baseless allegations against PM Modi, he said that the Karnataka polls will be one step further in making the country free from Congress, which is losing power in one State after the other.

He further said that PM Modi was committed to resolve the Mahadayi row once the BJP assumes power in the State. City BJP President Dr. B. H. Manjunath, Former State Women's Commission Chairperson Manjula, leaders Yashaswini Somasekhar, Mahesh and others were present.

KRS water level dips by 17.68 ft in two months

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There is a total of less than 10 TMCft water in all the four reservoirs coming under the Cauvery basin. That 10 TMC water is not enough for drinking needs and crops. We have shortage, Karnataka had stated.

According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), the combined live storage in the four major reservoirs in the Cauvery basin was less than 10 TMCft. At the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna in Mandya District, there is only 71.80 ft water (as on this morning) as against its total capacity of 124.8 ft.

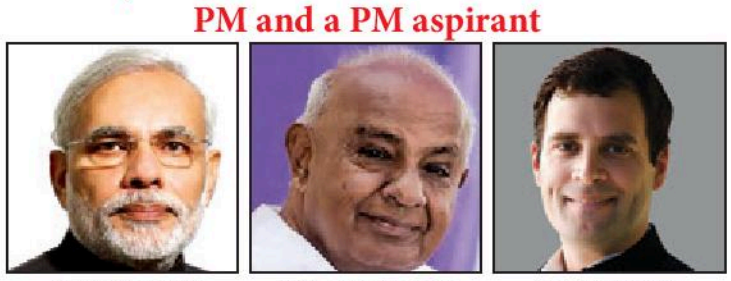
Since Mar. 6, there has been a steady decrease in the water level and on Mar. 6 the KRS Dam had a reserve level of 89.48 ft. On Mar. 7, the reserve level of 89.22 ft and the levels saw a steady decline. On Apr. 7, the level stood at 79.39 ft and on Apr. 13, it was 75.81 ft. On Apr. 21, the level stood at **73.68 ft** and on May 2, the water reserve level stood at **72.70 ft.** That means, from March 6 till May 6, there has been a reduction of 17.68 ft water at the dam.

At present, the live storage — the usable quantum of water in the dam — is only 3.44 TMCft against the reservoir's live storage capacity of 45.05 TMCft. As a result, the quantum of usable water available is only 8% of its actual capacity and the South West Monsoon is still a month away.

In the Hemavathi reservoir Hassan district, the live storage was 3.33 TMCft on May 3 against its actual storage of 35.76 TMCft. Kabini reservoir in H.D. Kote has a live storage of 1.82 TMCft and Harangi near Kushalnagar in Kodagu has 1.35 TMCft, as per the data available from the KSNDMC.

State Assembly poll acquire paramount importance

Likely to decide to future of PM, a former PM and a PM aspirant



Narendra Modi *H.D. Deve Gowda* *Rahul Gandhi*

Bengaluru, May 6 (KMS&US)- The State Assembly Election has gained paramount importance especially for three persons – present Prime Minister, a former Prime Minister and an aspiring Prime Minister.

If BJP wins in Karnataka, it will be easier for BJP to garner more strength during 2019 Lok Sabha polls which would eventually enable Narendra Modi to become PM again. Added to that, BJP may gain strength in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh also.

If Congress wins, it would get power for the second term and possibly would be a prelude in favour of Congress for 2019 Lok Sabha poll. Rahul Gandhi aspiring to become the Prime Minister may end up in reality. If JD(S) wins the election, chances of the Third Front becoming popular in the country would increase.

Leaders like Chandrababu Naidu, Chandrashekar Rao, Mayawati and Mamatha Bannerjee along with a few leaders of the North are said to be in touch with former PM H.D. Deve Gowda. With regional parties gaining strength in South India, it would be also easy for Congress to face the 2019 Lok Sabha Poll aligning with non BJP parties.

In a nutshell, the State poll has become an important event for all the parties with long drawn strategies.

Violence in Chamundeshwari: Four injured

Mysuru, May 6 (RK&BCT)- Four Congress party workers were allegedly attacked by a group late last night at Naganahalli village on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Siddalingapura. This is the first such violence reported from the Chamundeshwari Constituency, Mysuru, after the poll dates were announced on Mar. 27 till date.

The incident took place at Naganahalli coming under high-profile Chamundeshwari constituency where Chief Minister Siddharamaiah is fighting electoral battle with his one-time friend G.T. Devegowda who is an incumbent MLA, seeking re-election. The report of violence comes at a time when both the Congress and the JD(S) are indulging in feverish political campaigns to woo the voters.

The injured have been identified as Naganahalli Gram Panchayat Member Lohith, party worker Vidyashankar, former GP member Jayadeva and Youth Congress Block Secretary Arjun, who is also a sportsperson. All of them have sustained injuries in the attack and have been admitted at the Surgery Wing of the K.R. Hospital at the Stone Building.

It may be recalled that yesterday afternoon, JD(S) workers and villagers had obstructed Kannada actor Darshan from campaigning for Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at Naganahalli and Siddalingapura under Chamundeshwari. They told the actor that they respect him for his talent but he should not have campaigned for the CM. They asked him to rise above party politics. Asking the actor to officially join Congress and then campaign for Siddharamaiah, the JD(S) workers blocked the actor's campaign vehicle and even shouted slogans against the actor and the CM.

Enraged by the incident, Congress workers took objection to the behaviour of JD(S) workers and this led to verbal clash between the two party workers. Finally the Police had to intervene and pacify the agitated workers and make way for the actor's campaign.

Similar incidents also took place at Belawadi village where the actor's campaign vehicle was blocked. Here too, the Police had to intervene. As soon as the actor's campaign vehicle proceeded on the road show at Belawadi, Congress workers burst crackers on the road and this was objected to by JD(S) workers. The tension was, however, diffused by the Police.

Yesterday night, a group of Congress workers had assembled at their party campaign office at Naganahalli and a group of men came in bikes and assaulted them.

Naganahalli Block Congress President Umashankar alleged that the assaulters were JD(S) workers. "They came along with iron rods and machetes and assaulted our workers who are severely injured on their heads, ears and legs," he said.

Metagalli Police Inspector Raghavendra Gowda visited the spot yesterday and has booked a case against unknown persons under Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC. CM Siddharamaiah is expected to visit the injured when he will arrive in city in the afternoon.

CPI to extend support to Cong.

Mysuru, May 6 (RKB&DM)- As a mark of solidarity with secular forces, the CPI has extended support to the Congress in the Assembly polls.

Announcing this at a press meet here this morning, CPI (Communist Party of India) Secretary H.R. Seshadri said that the party is contesting in - Sira in Tumakuru district and Kudligi in Ballari district and has extended support to Swaraj India Party candidate Darshan Puttannaiah in Melukote Constituency.

Pointing out that the CPI will extend support to the Congress in all Assembly segments, barring the three, Seshadri said that the party decided to support the Congress as it had done good work in the past five years and also to prevent communal forces from coming to power.

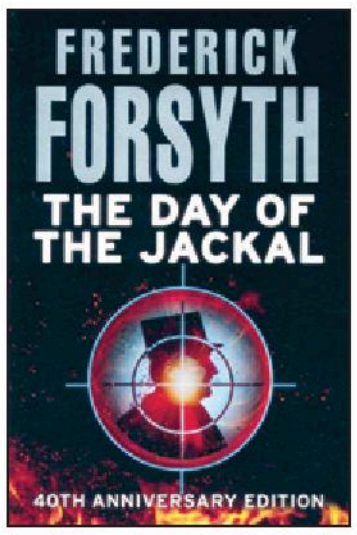
District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar was present.

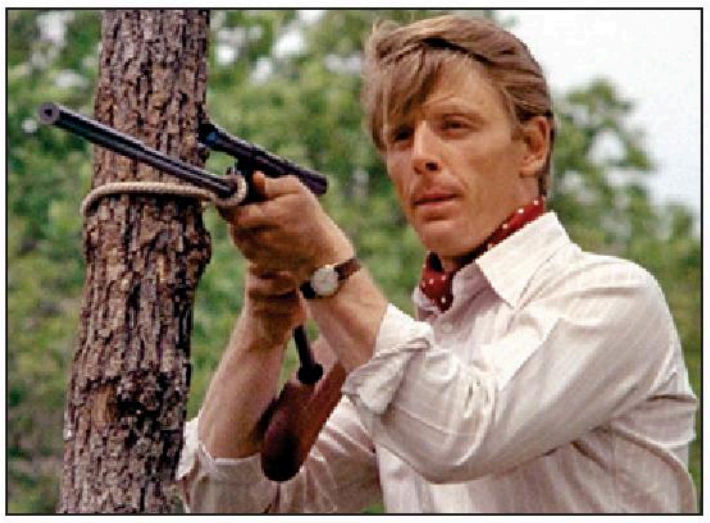
Book talk

The Day of the Jackal REVISITED

By U.B. Acharya

Author Frederick Forsyth





A still from the movie 'The Day of the Jackal.'

In December 1971, at the height of India-Pakistan war, I was stuck in Mumbai on a prolonged project for my oil company in Assam. As the work had to be carried out on a computer located in Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) at Colaba, the company had very kindly provided me with an accommodation in a posh hotel near the Gateway of India.

Life in Mumbai during daytime was normal but there was a total blackout at night. One evening as dusk was falling, after an early dinner at an Udupi restaurant, I was hurrying back to my hotel when I noticed a corner book shop still open. The kind Parsee owner sold me a new paperback and while collecting the price of Rs. 7.50, he said "It is a best-seller." To me it turned out to be an "unputdownable" book.

The book, "*The Day of the Jackal*" was authored by a British named Frederick Forsyth. This was his first novel and a historical thriller.

Historical background

The story line is of early 1960s in France. After the Second World War, France had not only lost Indochina (present day Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia), Lebanon and Syria but was fighting a bitter war against the Algerian National Liberation Front (NLF). At that time, General Charles de Gaulle came to power promising to retain Algeria but when it became untenable, he backed out from his promise.

The remnants of the French Foreign Legion based in Algeria formed an aborted "Organisation Armee Secrete" (OAS) and they were bitter against de Gaulle. With the financial support of 3,000,000 rich French civilians who had made the coast of Algeria as their home but were forced to vacate them, the OAS vowed to assassinate the President. Several attempts on his life were made between 1960 and 1962 but all of them failed. The prominent was a 22nd August 1962 ambush in Paris and the mastermind was captured and summarily executed in March 1963. This much is fact and the rest is fiction.

Planning by OAS

As a desperate measure, the truncated OAS leadership hiding in an obscure Austrian mountain village finds a British contract killer who agrees to do the job for half a million US dollars! As the rich Frenchmen had lost faith in OAS and stopped giving them money, this "Supari" money was raised by looting banks through hired criminals.

During the only meeting of the killer with the OAS leaders at a hotel in Vienna, the deal was struck. The contract killer desired that in order to maintain absolute secrecy, he would carry out the job independently and no contact would be maintained with the leaders. He gave a secret Swiss Bank account number where half the amount would have to be deposited even before he could undertake the job.

Only thing that the killer needed was a telephone number in Paris from where he could get information on the security situation surrounding the President. OAS therefore planted a mole, a mistress who obtained latest intelligence information from a very senior official of "Elysee Palace" in exchange of sexual favours. She would then pass on this information to the killer via this secret telephone number.

Further, the OAS leaders asked him what code name he should identify to the contact number and the killer said "JACKAL". As he was leaving the room, at the door, one of the leaders said "Goodbye, Mr. Jackal". Unfortunately this word was heard by the OAS bodyguard and at the end this turned out to be fatal.

As advised by Jackal, the leaders with their bodyguards then moved to a safe hotel in Rome owned by a Frenchman sympathetic to the OAS.

Planning by the killer

Back in London, firstly Jackal obtained a British passport in a false name using a copy of the genuine birth certificate but the person had died some 30 years earlier as a child! Also, in London Airport, he stole legitimate passports of a Danish school teacher and an American student who both had the same height and looked like him. He then studied thoroughly the routine of President de Gaulle from recent French newspapers and decided on the place, time and the method of assassination! He then waited.

Once he got the message that a quarter of a million dollars has been credited to his account, he made his move in the first week of August 1963. Using his new British passport, he went to Brussels to an expert gun-maker and ordered a specific handmade rifle. He gave the gun-maker 15 days time and also paid a handsome advance. He then visited a photographer in Genoa who was also an expert fake ID maker and ordered a French driver's license and a French army veteran's ID. For each of them, he had photographs taken with different coloured hairs and facial shades. Again, he asked the photographer to keep these documents and negatives ready in two weeks time.

From Genoa he went to Paris to make a final on the spot inspection of the assassination place. The killer had set the Liberation Day, 25th August 1963 as the day of the assassination and "Place Du 18 June 1940" as the location.

Handmade gun

The most interesting part of the novel is the making of a handmade rifle. The entire contraption had to be light weight that could easily be unscrewed into four parts, namely the short barrel with the silencer, telescopic sight, the bullet chamber including the bolt and the support rod (instead of the standard wooden stock). The handle of the bolt could not stick outside but must slide backwards towards the shoulder. Also there must be no trigger guard and the detachable trigger which would be hidden inside the wooden butt would be screwed just before firing. He also ordered six explosive bullets. Most importantly, all the parts should slide inside light stainless tubes which then could be parts of a crutch of a one-legged war veteran!

Anatomy of a manhunt

The killer's preparations were so thorough that the readers wonder how he could possibly fail and yet the French Police and Intelligence were up to the task. With a series of bank robberies in France, they first surmised that OAS was surely behind it to finance its next assassination attempt. Hence they captured in Rome the bodyguard of OAS leaders who was on an errand to the post office and smuggled him to Paris. On severe torture, he revealed that only one foreigner who looked like an Englishman whose name possibly was Jackal had visited the leaders in Vienna. The investigation of the French Intelligence and the Scotland Yard was so thorough that they identified the killer and the fake passport he was now using in less than 48 hours. However, thanks to the mole, the killer was always a step ahead of the investigators.

During the next three weeks, Jackal disguised himself as four different persons using fake IDs and travelled by air, by road and finally by train to Paris. During these tense days, he unintentionally killed five persons, including the forger of false IDs (who refused to part with the negatives) and a baroness in whose chateau he stayed for two nights incognito and seduced her every night (because she found out who he was). Yet again he gets the latest information and disappears before being caught. The way the Police eventually unmask the mole is a classic detective work.

On the Liberation Day Jackal did get a shot at the President's large face! One has to read the book to know the ending but from the biography of President de Gaulle, the end is obvious.

Publication history

Forsyth wrote this book in 35 days in early 1970 but could not find a publisher only because Charles de Gaulle though retired was still alive. After his death in November 1970, the author persuaded a publisher and the book got printed in June 1971. Initially only 8,000 copies were printed but by mid-October there were several reprints and also was the "best-seller."

While the book was initially priced at only half-a-pound in UK, it was priced at eight dollars in USA! Eventually, the book got translated into more than a dozen languages. According to Forsyth, who admitted that he was "flat-broke" before the publication of the book but after the publication "had never seen that kind of money before and never thought I ever would."

The Film

A film based on this novel was released in 1973. It was directed by Fred Zinnemann starring Edward Fox. On the whole it is an 'edge of the seat' movie.

Conclusion

Like me, I hope many readers who love thrillers would enjoy reading this book as well watching the movie. The making of the gun might enthuse the gun-loving Kodavas.

The author has worked in the production section of oil industry for 37 years. Now settled in Mysuru, he occasionally writes for 'SOM.'

KSCA Inter-District Cricket Tourney

Chakshu Gowda shines in Convener XI's win

Mysuru, May 6- A century by opener Chakshu R. Gowda (104 n.o.) helped Convener XI to register a facile 80-run win over Chamarajanagar XI in the KSCA Mysuru Zone Inter-District U-16 Cricket Tourney played at SJCE Grounds here recently.

SCORES

U-16 — Convener XI: 247 for 3 in 50 overs (Chakshu R. Gowda 104 n.o., Md. Fawaz 51, Krupanadhi 30 n.o., Sai Eshwar 2 for 39) bt **Chamarajanagar XI:** 162 in 46 overs (Rishab Gandhudi 38, C.M. Likith 26, Desh Bopaiah 2 for 23, M. Fawaz 2 for 14, G.R. Abhinandan 3 for 15).

U-14 — Mandya XI: 48 in 34.5 overs (S. Ishaan 3 for 8, J. Neelakash 3 for 6) lost to **Chairman XI:** 49 for 2 in 10.1 overs (Dhanush Gowda 2 for 17).

City girl for National U-11 Chess Championship

Dhatri Umesh receiving trophy from one of the guests.

Mysuru, May 6- **Dhatri Umesh** of NPS Mysuru and a product of Mysore Chess Centre secured runner-up place in the recently conducted Karnataka State Under 11 Chess Championship held at Kundapur. Dhatri is well supported by her parents Umesh and Brunda Umesh.

Dhatri Scored seven points out of nine round — she had an upset win over Top seed Shefali of Mandya. The Tournament was won by WCM Shriyana S. Mallya of Dakshina Kannada.

Dhatri and Shriyana will now represent Karnataka in the upcoming National Under 11 Chess Championship to be held in Tamil Nadu.

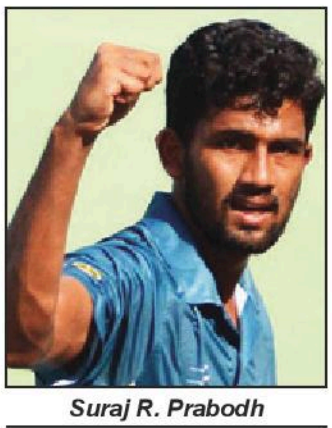
Vindya Sridhar and M.N. Eshanvi of Mysuru finished 4th and 5th Place by scoring seven points in the Merit list.

Talented Tennis Player: Suraj

THIS Week

Tennis is a global sport and Mysore has been producing talented tennis players from time to time who have gone on to represent the country in different events. One such player from Mysuru, who has made his mark in the National and International level is **Suraj R. Prabodh.** Ranked No.1 in the State in the men's section and No.12 in the country, this lad has been making steady progress and improving his ATP ranking by playing well in the ITF Futures and circuit tournaments. Taking part in the $25,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament in Abuja, Nigeria, last week, he had a fine run until the semi-finals in the men's singles event. He is our *'Star This Week.'*

Suraj lost the semi-final match to fourth seeded Arjun Kadhe 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in $25,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament. In first round, Suraj beat Franco Feitt (Arg) 6-7 (4), 6-0, 6-3 and beat Kento Takeuchi (Jpn) 5-7, 6-3, 5-3 (retd) in pre-quarterfinals. In the quarter-finals, Suraj playing some excellent tennis shocked the top-seed Youssef Hossam of Egypt 7-6 (8), 6-3 in the quarter-finals and progressed further.



Suraj R. Prabodh

The 23-year-old Suraj, a product of the Mysore Tennis Club, Mysuru, is presently training at the Harvest Tennis Academy, Jassowal. He is being trained by Serbian coach Milos Pavlovic. Earlier Suraj had finished runner-up in the Men's Singles event in the Fenesta National Tennis Championship at Delhi.

Suraj also took part in the Bangalore Open and gained valuable exposure. Suraj entered the quarter-finals in the F4 Futures 15,000$ Tennis Tournament in Trivandrum and had good performances in the previous three legs of the ITF circuit in India.

Suraj, encouraged by his parents Prabodh and Renuka, took up the game at an early age and has been making steady progress in this sport and has of late improved on his fitness levels and has been playing consistently in the higher level.

Suraj has a neat game and has a wide range of shots both on his forehand and backhand and is a more confident player now. Suraj, presently with an ATP ranking of 1147 in Singles, aims to work hard and improve on his rankings and perform well in the ITF men's circuit in the days to come.

Hyderabad beat Delhi, moves closer to playoffs

Hyderabad, May 6- Sunrisers Hyderabad moved closer to the playoffs of the Indian Premier League (IPL) after they defeated Delhi Daredevils by seven wickets here yesterday for their fourth win on the trot, and a victory that drove them back to the top spot.

Teenaged sensation Prithvi Shaw's 65-run knock followed by skipper Shreyas Iyer's 44 helped Delhi post a moderate 163/5. But Hyderabad rode on useful contributions from Alex Hales (45 off 31 deliveries), Shikhar Dhawan (33 off 30), captain Kane Williamson (32 not out off 30), Yusuf Pathan (27 not out off 12) and Manish Pandey (21 off 17) to overhaul the target with seven wickets and a ball to spare.

Following the win over seventh-placed Delhi, Hyderabad have 14 points - same as Chennai Super Kings but are ahead on net run rate. For Delhi the loss could mean that their hopes for making it to the playoffs are over as they have six points from 10 games.

BRIEF SCORES

Sunrisers Hyderabad: 164/3 in 19.5 overs (Alex Hales 45, Shikhar Dhawan 33, Kane Williamson 32 not out; Amit Mishra 2/19) beat **Delhi Daredevils:** 163/5 (Prithvi Shaw 65, Shreyas Iyer 44; Rashid Khan 2/23). Rashid Khan was chosen as the 'Player of the Match.'

CSK beat RCB

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) climbed to the top of the points table with a comfortable six-wicket victory over Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) yesterday.

Having elected to field on winning the toss, CSK restricted the visitors to 127/9 in their 20 overs. In reply, while Shane Watson departed early, opener Ambati Rayudu laid the foundation of a successful foundation with a brilliant 32 off 25 balls. CSK captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni hit Chahal three consecutive sixes in the 18th over of the match to lead his team to a victory.

Earlier, CSK produced a magnificent bowling performance as they restricted RCB to a meagre 127/9 in 20 overs.

For Chennai, Jadeja was the pick of the bowlers as he finished with figures of 3/18 in his stipulated overs.

RCB will have to dig deep and produce a spirited performance to defeat the formidable CSK in order to make it to the play-offs.

Ravindra Jadeja was chosen as the 'Player of the Match.'

IPL Season-11

Today's Matches

MI Vs KKR
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, **4 pm**

KXIP Vs RR
Holkar Stadium, Indore, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Match

SRH Vs RCB
Rajiv Gandhi Intl. Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Results

CSK 128/4 (18 overs) beat **RCB** 127/9 (20 overs)

SRH 164/3 (19.5 overs) beat **DD** 163/5 (20 overs)

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Campaigning gains momentum in city

KR BJP candidate S.A. Ramdas (pic.left) and Chamaraja Congress candidate Vasu on brisk campaigning in city yesterday.

Mysuru, May 6 (MTY&DM)- With the poll date fast approaching, candidates from all political parties and also independents, in the three Assembly segments of the city, have stepped up campaigning. Yesterday, K.R. BJP candidate S.A. Ramdas continued his brisk campaigning covering Vidyaranyapuram, Chamundipuram and surrounding areas.

He was accompanied by Corporator M.V. Ramprasad and other leaders. Speaking to *SOM* during the course of his campaign, Ramdas said that he is visiting two to three thousand houses everyday in order to keep in touch with the voters.

Maintaining that he is chiefly focussing on the work that he has done as Minister in the previous BJP Government and also on the host of programmes initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Pointing out that he has been extensively using social media and also other means such as voice message, SMS etc., in order to reach out to almost all voters of the Constituency, he said that all Morchas of the party such as Mahila Morcha, OBC Morcha etc., are working overtime to ensure his victory.

Congress candidate M.K. Somashekar also campaigned in T.K. Layout, Kuvempunagar M-Block and surrounding areas. He was accompanied by Corporator Sunil Kumar. Speaking to *SOM*, Somashekar said that he is visiting one and half thousand houses every day and distributing pamphlets on the development works taken up by him over the past five years. He further said that his daughter Pranusha and son-in-law too have been extensively campaigning on his behalf in the constituency.

Chamaraja Congress candidate and MLA Vasu undertook brisk campaigning in Medar Block, Bamboo Bazar and surrounding areas.

Ex-Mayors Rajeshwari Puttaswamy and B.K. Prakash, former Deputy Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Corporator M. Ramesh and others accompanied him.

JD(S) candidate Prof. K.S. Rangappa campaigned in Paduvarahalli and surrounding areas.

Former Minister Sreenivasa Prasad seeks votes for his son-in-law in Nanjangud

A few of the leaders from Taraganahalli and Shiramalli joined BJP in the presence of former Union Minister Sreenivasa Prasad while he was campaigning for his son-in-law BJP Candidate Harshavardhan in Nanjangud recently.

Nanjangud, May 6 (Ravi& NNN)- Former Union Minister and State BJP Vice-President V. Sreenivasa Prasad predicted that in the Assembly elections on May 12, BJP is going to sweep to power and State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa will be the Chief Minister.

Prasad was speaking after going on a door-to-door campaign in Shankarapura, Sreerampura, Anandpura Layouts along with hundreds of party workers, canvassing for BJP Candidate Harshavardhan, his son-in-law.

He said that he had fought the by-election in Nanjangud with a lot of self respect but it got wiped away before the money power. However, the time has now come for the voters to destroy the arrogance, high handedness and money power of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah who has throttled Dalit leaders. He asked them not to be swayed by any enticements or money.

The KPCC President has been sidelined in this election. Please do not cast your vote for Harashavardhan as son-in-law of Sreenivasa Prasad but vote for him because of his qualities as a candidate, he said.

"I had not lobbied for the seat for my son-in-law. It was the High Command who found him as a suitable candidate and fielded him," he said.

CM Siddharamaiah is contesting from two constituencies because of the fear of losing. However, he will lose in both of them. This time the people will teach Congress a proper lesson, he thundered.

Rousing welcome: Prasad was given a rousing reception when he visited the layouts, with women welcoming him with *arati* and youth bursting crackers. He was also offered a Mysuru Peta.

Taraganahalli and Shiramalli village leader and former Gram Panchayat President Puttamadappa, leaders Nagendra, Suresh, Prafulla, Basavaraju, Chinnaswamy, Shiramalli Shivanna and many others joined BJP in presence of Sreenivasa Prasad.

SC Morcha President and MLC D.S. Veeraiah, former MUDA Chairman Basavegowda, State Working Committee Member K.K. Jayadev, U.N. Padmanabh Rao, District Rural Vice-President N.V. Vinaykumar, City President Balachandra, Municipal Councillors Doreswamy, Mahadeswamy, Girish, Mangala, Anusuya, Shiramalli Mahadeswamy, leaders N.C. Basavanna, Kasuvinahalli Girish, Badanval Gram Panchayat President Mahesh, D.P. Lokesh, APMC Member Guruswamy, G. Basavaraju, Sannaiah, Mahesh Attikhane, Narayan Reddy, Village leaders Devaputra, Puttaraju, Shankarapura Rangaswamy, Mullur Shekar, Shivanagappa and Ittige Krishnappa were present.

GTD on Road Show in Chamundeshwari

Mysuru, May 6 (US)- MLA and Chamundeshwari Constituency JD(S) candidate G.T. Devegowda (GTD) campaigned through a Road Show in the Constituency on Friday covering Nagarathalli, Yedahalli, Kotehundi and nearby places. GTD was garlanded by villagers on his arrival at Nagarathalli. He went around the village in an open jeep seeking votes from the public.

Speaking on the occasion, GTD said that JD(S) State President H.D. Kumaraswamy had proposed a monthly honorarium of Rs.2,000 to physically challenged and Rs.5,000 for aged people. He appealed voters to vote for JD(S).

Crackers were burst in the villages and hundreds of JD(S) activists participated in the Road Show which commenced at 7 am and went on till late in the night.

GTD was accompanied by ZP Member Beerihundi Basavanna, TP Member Sugriva and others.

Model Code of Conduct Violation

Rs.8 lakh cash seized from Dist. Congress President brother's car

Periyapatna, May 6 (Ramesh& KS)- Election officials, led by Tahsildar Govindaraju and Sectoral Magistrate Krishna, along with the Police and Paramilitary Forces, have seized Rs.8 lakh cash yesterday, which was allegedly being transported in a car belonging to Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar's brother B.J. Basavaraju to be distributed among the voters.

The driver of the car, identified as Ganesh, has also been taken into custody.

Following a tip off that cash was being transported in a Toyota Fortuner SUV, Tahsildar Govindaraju and Sectoral Magistrate Krishna, along with Police personnel, waited for the car and intercepted it in front of Haripriya Hotel on B.M. Road at about

8 pm yesterday.

Upon inspecting the vehicle, the officials found four bundles of Rs.2,000 currency notes totalling to Rs.8 lakh.

As driver Ganesh failed to produce any documents pertaining to the cash, the officials have seized the cash and the vehicle besides taking Ganesh into their custody for inquiry.

It is learnt that when the Police called B.J. Basavaraju over the phone, he (Basavaraju) is said to have told them that the cash was meant to purchase fertilizers for the crops grown in his field. But it is also learnt that the Police have also found a list with names for whom the cash was supposed to be distributed.

Following the seizure of cash, Sectoral Magistrate Krishna has lodged a complaint at Periyapatna Police Station. The Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Now, candidates wooing voters with poultry

Mandya, May 6 (NG&DM)- With the Election Commission tightening screens on distribution of money and liquor by candidates in the run-up to the polls, candidates have taken to different means to lure voters.

In one such instance, electoral officers acting on a complaint by JD(S) party workers that Congress leaders were distributing poultry among voters in Nagamangala Constituency, seized a vehicle that was transporting live chickens that were allegedly meant for distribution among voters of the Constituency.

Soon as Sectoral Officer Suresh seized the poultry carrying vehicle, Congress and JD(S) workers entered into a verbal duel, accusing each other of resorting to malpractices to win the polls.

It may be mentioned here that Congress workers had lodged a complaint against JD(S) workers on Tuesday, accusing them of distributing poultry among the voters ahead of the polls.

Two held for snatching gold chain of former MP's son

Mysuru, May 6 (KS) - The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, on May 4, have arrested two persons on charges of snatching the gold chain of the son of a former MP and have recovered the chain weighing about 140 grams, worth about Rs.3.75 lakh and have seized a two-wheeler used for the crime.

The accused have been identified as Imran Khan of Kyathamaranahalli and K. Preetham of P&T Quarters at Udayagiri in city.

The accused on Mar.15 at about 1 am, snatched the gold chain of Poorvaj Vishwanath, son of former MP A.H. Vishwanath from behind when he was opening the gate of the house.

Though Poorvaj chased the miscreant on foot for some distance, the miscreant hopped on to a Suzuki Access scooter on which another accused was waiting and fled from the spot.

Poorvaj had lodged a complaint at Saraswathipuram Police Station in this regard which was transferred to the CCB by the City Police Commissioner.

The CCB, which took up the investigations, arrested the accused at Gayathripuram and during interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of committing the crime. Basede on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered the stolen gold chain.

DCP Mahaninga B. Nandaganvi and CCB ACP B.R. Lingappa supervised CCB Inspector Shivaswamy, Shivaprakash, ASI Chandregowda, Alexander and staff Chikkanna, Ramaswamy, Shivaraju, Lakshmikanth, M.R. Ganesh, Yakub Shariff, Anand, Rajendra, Niranjan, Chamundamma and others in the nabbing and recovery operation.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Mollycoddle

Pronunciation: MAH-lee-kah-dul.

Meaning: To treat with an excessive or absurd degree of indulgence or attention.
Origin: Coddling eggs is delicate business. You need to cook them slowly and gently, keeping the water just below boiling. Given how carefully you need to treat the eggs, it's not surprising that coddle, the name for the cooking process, developed the figurative sense "to pamper." Mollycoddle was formed by combining coddle with molly, a nickname for Mary. In its earliest known uses in the 1840s, mollycoddle was a noun, a synonym of our modern wimp, but in short time, it was being used as the verb you're likely to encounter now.

THE ODD WORD

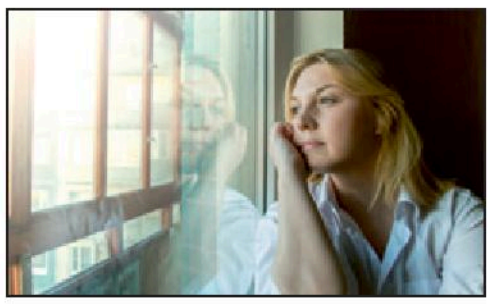
Neologize

To make or use new words or create new meanings for existing words.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A penny for your thoughts

Meaning: An invitation to a person lost in thought to share his or her preoccupation.



Origin: Along with Biblical expressions, it is in the bulk form of the very earliest phrases that have existed in English since the language was first recorded on paper. 'A penny for your thoughts' is one of the few that is neither of the above but which is of the same vintage. The first known use of it is by Sir Thomas More in A Treatyce upon the last thynges, circa 1535: In such wise yt not wtoute som note & reproch of suche vagaraunte mind, other folk sodainly say to them: a peny for your thought. (A rough paraphrase of the above is "when people notice that someone appears disengaged and wish them to rejoin the conversation they ask 'a penny for your thoughts'."). The expression became so well used that it was often shortened to 'a penny for them' or even just 'penny', as in H. G. Wells' novel Love & Mr. Lewisham, 1900: 'Penny,' she said after an interval. Lewisham started and looked up. 'Eh?'. It is less common in the 21st century and more used by the older generation than the young.

QUOTE BOX

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. — **Edith Wharton**

RIDDLE THIS

What goes through towns and over hills but never moves?

Answer: Roads.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	7	6	4	8	9	2	1	5
9	2	5	6	3	1	7	8	4
8	4	1	7	5	2	3	9	6
2	1	9	8	4	7	5	6	3
7	6	3	1	2	5	9	4	8
5	8	4	3	9	6	1	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Another word for 'eggs'
4 Cert. Public. Accts.
8 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
11 ___ and Garba : folk dances from Gujarat?
12 Lawful colloquially speaking
14 On-Board Maintenance Sys.
15 Quantity of heat in FPS units
16 Deteriorate or corrode
17 "Stomach", shortly and slangishly?
18 Filter through
20 IIM grads.
22 ___ Lal :Cricket commentator
24 Refresh with rest, lie down
26 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
27 Mountainous, not a plain track of land
28 A pass between mountain peaks
29 Bristles - "tease" anagram?
30 Father or papa
33 Witch burning city near Boston?
34 An animal, rather like a rabbit, which lives above ground
35 Drags behind
37 Noah used one of these
38 Body of ship, airships, etc.
39 ___ up : arranged or finished dealing with, colloquially speaking?
41 Four-winged insect
42 Pertaining to a number system with a base of eight
45 With an ___ grace : sullenly?
48 A mixture of gases we breathe
49 ___ cats and dogs : pours down very heavily?
50 Maiden-name
51 Hours, in short
52 ___ through : read a book in spite of its dullness?
53 A person's leg

FRIDAY'S ANSWER:

L	U	V	■	■	A	T	S	■	A	P	E	S
M	L	A	■	■	Z	I	P	■	S	U	R	A
S	T	R	E	A	M	E	R	■	S	N	I	P
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S	P	A	S	■	H	A	L	■	■	U	P	I
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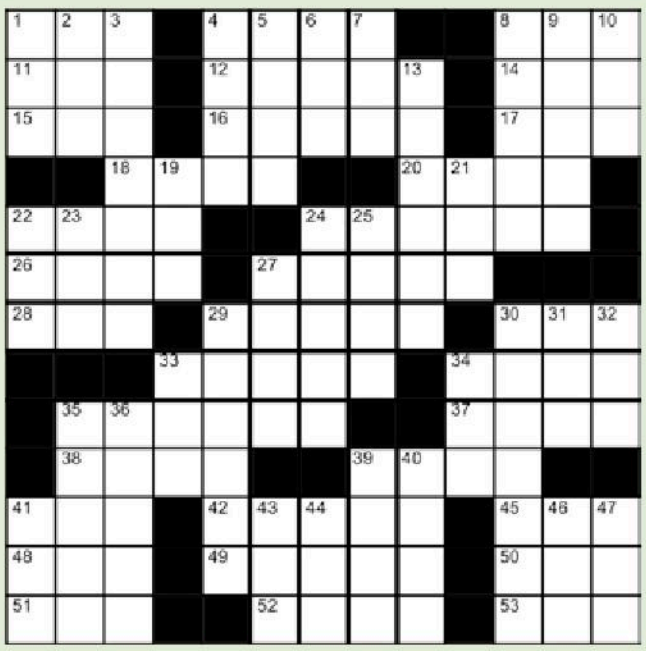
DOWN

1 The ball-shaped capsule containing the vertebrate eye
2 Large vessel or tank
3 According to normal practice (2,5)
4 A symbol used to indicate the pitch of notes on the staff
5 Saucy and forward!
6 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
7 Sidney's pet name
8 Periods of work or duty taken in rotation with others
9 Entertain or divert
10 Any doctrine
13 A pagoda or a church?
19 Commonly used suffix - "Tin" anagram?
21 A youthful male person
22 School song start
23 Greek letter
24 Religious practices
25 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
27 ___ for lather : said of a rider going at full speed?
29 Home the ___
30 Mending socks
31 Ham and Shem's vessel
32 Desmond's pet name?
33 ___ volatile : another name for smelling salts?
34 Hum and ____ : hesitate?
35 "It" and "her" mix to give another one of their kind?
36 Those feeling remorseful or those who are regretting?
39 There is plenty of it by the sea!
40 This means `otherwise'
41 Exclamation of contempt
43 Crow sound
44 Aunt in Spanish
46 Piece of meadow
47 Lunar module, for short



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EUJOJ DX CHGCLX PSOJ PDXJOL CPSRB EUJ HSGJO

NHCXXJX EUCR EUJOJ DX UIPCRDEL DR EUJ UDBUJO

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS E

Friday's Cryptoquip: It takes only one drink to get me drunk. The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth.

Now SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Bakaasura	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kichchu	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	1 Show
Dhwaja	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
Hebbet Ramakka	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Kaanorayana	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Gultoo	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Tagaru	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
HINDI			
Lazy Lamhe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Omertà	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Tishnagi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Avengers: Infinity War	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Bharat Ane Nenu	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
RENOVATION WORKS UNDERWAY			
---	Lido	2420885	---
---	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	---

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Avengers: Infinity War (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 12.55 pm, 3.55 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Kichchu (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-2)	3.30 pm, 5.40 pm 7.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Dhwaja (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Chanakya Thanthram (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.15 pm 6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Omertà (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

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Avengers: Infinity War (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Avengers: Infinity War (2D-E)	(S-3)	5.55 pm, 9.00 pm
Naa Peru Surya, Naa Illu India (Te)	(S-2)	9.35 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	12.15 pm
102 Not Out (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Bhootayyana Mommaga Ayyu (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Kichchu (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Omertà (Hinglish)	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Bharat Ane Nenu (Te)	(S-4)	6.25 pm
Iruttu Araiyil Murattu Kuththu (Ta)	(S-4)	11.00 am

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

ZEE TV
3:30 pm Zee Rishtey Awards 2017
7:00 Juzzbaatt.. Sangeen Se Namkeen Tak
8:00 Superhit
9:00 Dance India Dance
10:30 Fear Files

Discovery
4:30 pm Food Factory
5:00 Absolute Wild With Bear Grylls
6:00 Hour China
7:00 Walking The Nile
8:00 Revealed
9:00 India's Frontier Railways
10:00 Man Vs. Wild

CN Cartoon Network
6:30 pm Oggy And The Cockroaches
7:30 pm Roll No. 21
8:00 Roll No. 21
9:00 Roll No. 21
10:00 Ben 10
11:00 Dragon Ball Super

Star Plus
6:00 pm Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala
6:30 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala
7:00 Khichdi
8:00 Khichdi
9:00 Khichdi
10:00 Kullfi Kumarr Bajewala - Kahani Ab Tak

Star Sports 1
3:50 pm Vivo IPL 2018 Live
7:15 Kent Cricket IPL 2018 Link Show Live
7:50 Vivo IPL 2018 Live
11:15 Kent Cricket Ipl 2018 Post Show Live
11:35 Vivo IPL 2018 Hls

GTV
3:30 pm Techikalude Pranayam
5:00 **Vimanam**
8:00 Laughing Villa
9:00 Super Jodi
10:00 Nandhini

SONY
4:30 pm Kapil Sharma Show
6:00 Kapil Sharma Show
7:30 Kapil Sharma Show
9:00 Prithvi Vallabh
10:00 CID
11:00 Crime Patrol Satark

National Geographic
5:00 pm The Story Of God
6:00 Chain Of Command
7:00 S.O.S - Smartest Show On Tv
7:30 Do Or Die
8:00 Combat Zone
9:00 Prime @ 9
9:30 S.o.s - Smartest Show On TV

Udaya TV
MOVIES:
12:30 pm **Bangalore 560023**
3:00 **Simhadriya Simha**
6:00 **Masterpiece**
9:00 **Suntaragali**

MOVIES TONIGHT

Star Movies
3:55 pm **Herbie Fully Loaded**
5:59 **Spider-Man 3**
8:59 **Hancock**

HBO
4:39 pm **The Conjuring 2**
7:08 **Angry Birds Movie**
9:00 **300: Rise Of An Empire**
10:55 **The Hangover**

Sony MAX
5:20 pm **Super Khiladi 4**
7:55 **DJ**
10:44 **Policewala Gunda**

Zee Cinema
3:47 pm **Entertainment**
6:46 **Rogue**
9:01 **Businessman 2**

Sony PIX
5:17 pm **Salt**
7:03 **Anaconda**
8:59 **The Incredible Hulk**
11:24 **Underworld**

Udaya Movies
4:00 pm **Vande Matharam**
7:00 **Devaru Kotta Thangi**
10:00 **Super Jodi**

WB
5:46 pm **Passenger 57**
7:12 **Armour Of God**
9:01 **IP Man 3**
10:57 **Black Hawk Down**

Cinema TV
3:00 pm **Himmat Aur Mehnat**
8:00 **Fillum Baazi**
8:35 **C.I.D.**

Star Gold
5:07 pm **Son Of Sardaar**
8:03 **Dangerous Khiladi**
10:53 **Dabangg 2**

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 6)

Banter Babu Publications: *Star of Mysore* Cartoonist M.V. Nagendra Babu to hold exhibition of portraits of world famous cartoonists, Mysore Art Gallery, Ramanuja Road, **up to 7 pm.**

Natana Rangasgale: Valedictory of Raja Maja summer camp, Silli Lalli fame Ravishankar, well-known photographer Balaji Manohar chief guests, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Discourse on *The Gospel of Sri Ramakrisha by* Swami Jnanayoganandaji, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha: Classical Hindustani recital by Vidu. Sharada Bhat Kattige, accompanied by Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla, Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

Sringeri Sri Shankar Mutt: 38th year annual celebrations of Idol Installation of Sri Sharada Parameshwariyavaru, Sri Shankara Bhagavathpadachryaru and Sri Sachidananda Shivabhinava Nrusimhabharathi Mahaswamigalavaru; Music programme by Anagha and troupe, **6.30 pm;** Rudrakarmarchane, Veda Ghosha, Mahamangalarathi, Mutt premises, Fort Mohalla, **9 pm.**

Rangayana: *Chinnara Natakotsava*, staging of play *Kereyali Chinna Kereye Chinna* directed by V. Ranganath and *Nela Kanada Jeeva* directed by Srikanth, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 7)

Arsha Vidya Ashrama: Discourse on Upanishad by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Eshwara Temple's Shankara Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Puram, **7 am;** Discourse on Bhagavad Gita by Sri Chidrupananda Saraswati Swamiji, Sadvidya School, Narayana Shastri Road, **6.30 pm.**

GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women: Inauguration of 2nd National Conference on 'Engineering Innovations and solutions (NCEIS-2018)', 'Intelligent Energy Systems (NCIES-2018)' and 'Robotics, Automation, Control and Embedded Systems (NCRACES-2018),' Kalpana Arvind, Group Director, Photonics System Group, LEOS, Bengaluru, chief guest, Benild Joseph, Information Security Advisor, Govt. of India, guest of honour, Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, President, GSSS, Mysuru, presides, Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, will be present, Seminar Hall, GSSSIETW, **9.30 am.**

Natana Rangasgale: Valedictory of Raja Maja summer camp, Naveen Padil of *Maja Talkies* fame and theatre artist Music University Registrar Nagesh V. Bettakote chief guests, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Rangayana: *Chinnara Natakotsava*, staging of play *Man Vs Man* directed by Noor Ahmed Sheik, *Rakshisuva Honegarike Neeve Heli Yaradu?* directed by Sharath Bopanna and *Shisthina Pranigalu* directed by A.S. Shruthi, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

Congress Raebareli MLA 'upset' over rumours of marriage with Rahul Gandhi

Lucknow, May 6- Days ahead of the Congress-BJP slugfest in the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, rumours of Congress President Rahul Gandhi's marriage with Raebareli MLA Aditi Singh began doing the rounds.

Soon after the speculations, pictures of MLA Aditi Singh and Rahul Gandhi went viral on social media with some even announcing that the marriage will be solemnised in May itself. If sources are to be believed, the rumour was first circulated on some *WhatsApp* groups in Raebareli.

However, Singh denied any such happening and stated that she considers Gandhi as her 'elder brother'. "Such rumours upset me. I would like to clarify

Rahul Gandhi *Aditi Singh*

that Rahul Ji is my rakhi brother and I am really saddened by such rumours on social media," Singh said.

The rumour mongers started sharing pictures of the two while some even congratulated Rahul Gandhi and wished him luck. A picture that shows Aditi Singh dressed in a green saree standing with a couple of people along with Sonia Gandhi, was shared the most. However, the fact is that the people seen in the photo are not from the families of either Gandhi or Singh.

Aditi Singh won her first election with a margin of more than 90,000 votes and holds a Masters in Management Studies from Duke University, USA. She returned to India to take the baton over from her father Akhilesh, a five-time MLA from Raebareli. The 29-year-old MLA is also believed to be one of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's closest aides.

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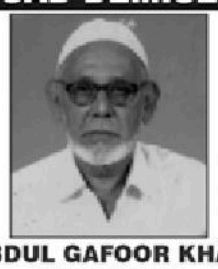

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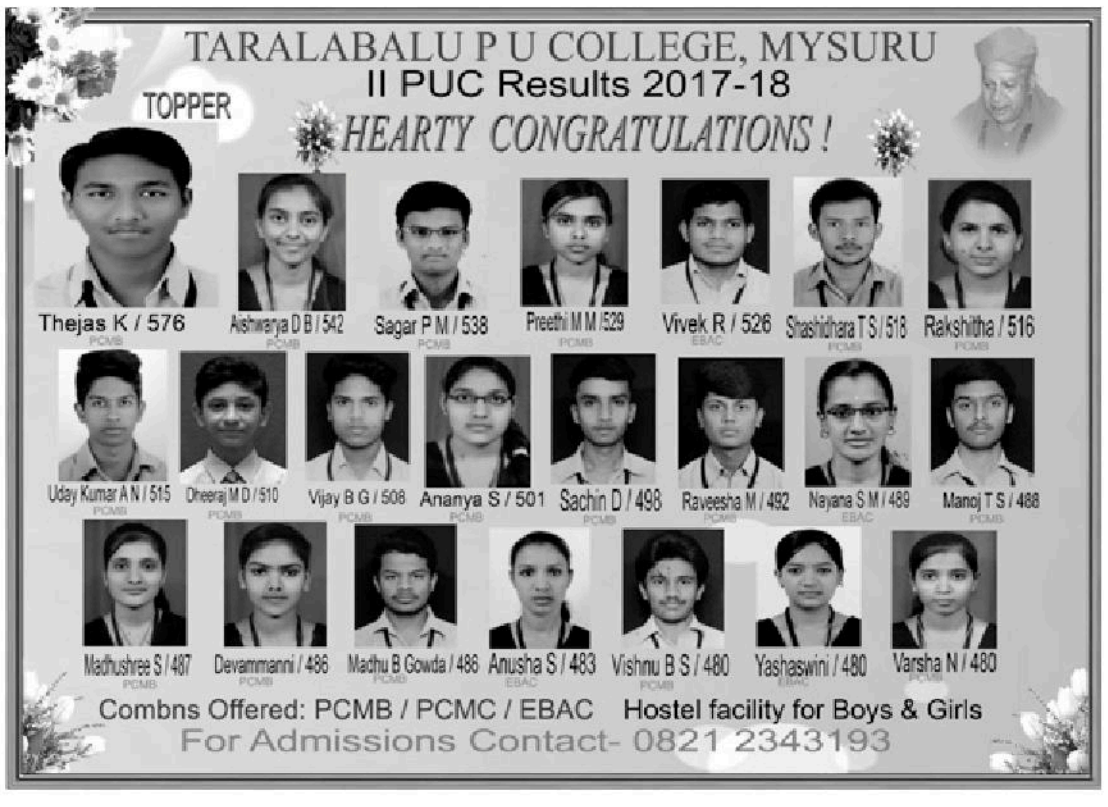
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